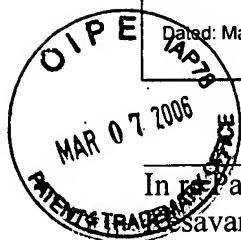


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005, for which a response was due on January 7, 2006. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time are filed herewith, extending the deadline for response to March 7, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.